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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : Comments on the Draft Policy Guide Governing Public Appearances and

Open Publication by CIA Employees

1. I recommend that this draft Policy Guide be approved and published as soon as possible. It does represent a significant change from the regulation now on the books which, in effect, discourages all outside professional activity.

Although I find this Policy Guide to be permissive in its tone, I do not find the note of positive encouragement which I had hoped would characterize a Policy Guide on this subject. The subparagraph b, under the Policy heading on page 2, is the only paragraph in the document, it seems to me, which provides a positive encouragement to employees to participate in the activities of scientific and professional associations. paragraph in itself is a good one, but its impact is very largely mitigated by the volume of language of a procedural, responsibility-fixing, and generally restraining tone which surrounds it. Nevertheless, I suspect it is best to get this regulation on the books with the thought that further refinements in it and liberalization of it may be possible in the future as we gain more experience in the application of its provisions.

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Remarks:

The draft Policy Guide governing public appearances and open publications by CIA employees has been redrawn following suggestions submitted by participants at Colonel White's meeting of 4 August.

Attached is the revised Guide which it is intended will be published as a Headquarters Notice. As before, copies have been sent to all participants.

Your comments on this revision are requested by close of business on 18 November.

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